

BRITAIN'S ANSWER THOUGHT FRIENDLY

LONDON SENDS OUTLINE OF REPLY TO PARIS FOR APPROVAL OF ALLY.

FEWER AMERICAN SHIPS BOTHERED

Negotiations in Progress Between Allies and Neutral Countries to Tighten Blockade Against Germany.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The British government's reply to the American note concerning contraband probably will be sent before the end of this week.

An outline of the reply has been submitted to France, which is greatly interested because of the activity of French ships in searching Mediterranean cargoes.

Since December 4 no cargoes destined for Italy have been intercepted by the allies.

Rubber cargoes destined for American firms and held in English ports probably will be released soon or purchased by Great Britain, which needs rubber for manufacture of tires, bed blankets and boots.

Constant negotiations are in progress between the allies and the neutral countries situated near Germany looking to a tightening of the export regulations which will prevent American shipments from reaching Germany and Austria through neighboring countries other than Italy.

A loosening of the regulations applying to American cargoes, it is said by British officials, will depend largely on the assurances received from neutral countries that they will not assist in supplying Germany, Turkey and Austria with munitions of war.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, called at the State Department today for the first time since the American note of protest on shipping was sent to Great Britain. He conferred with Counselor Robert Lansing.

Though he had received no instructions as yet concerning the answer which is to be made to the American note, the British Ambassador indicated that it would be of a most friendly character. It is understood that Sir Cecil regards the American note as moderate in tone, compared to the usually peremptory and mandatory tenor of notes of this kind passing between neutrals and belligerents in times of war.

WILSON'S STAND FIRM ON SHIPBUYING BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—President Wilson made it plain today that the government ship purchase bill must be enacted. He said he was confident it would succeed but indicated he would call an extra session of congress unless the bill was enacted during the present session.

President Wilson also indicated that the speech he is to deliver in Indianapolis, Friday night, will be the opening gun for the Democratic campaign for 1916. He left the impression that it will be of a decided political nature and that he would answer attacks on his administration.

CHRISTMAS IN PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 6.—The people of the Russian capital today entered upon their annual Christmas celebration under conditions strangely new to those of the present generation. While the spirit of festivity is not entirely absent, it has been lessened to a noticeable extent by the conditions of war. The customary feasting and public festivities are being omitted almost entirely, while the religious features of the observance are more pronounced than heretofore. In Petrograd, and throughout the empire, there will be scarcely a family reunion during the holidays that will not be saddened by the absence of one or more members at the front, and many of whom are destined never to return. Another feature that gives a marked distinction to the holiday, especially among the masses, is the fact that it is the first Christmas in Russian without vodka.

SOLONS TO BE CONSERVATIVE

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 6.—The North Carolina legislature met today and organized for its biennial session of sixty days. The lawmakers are confronted by a mass of routine business that is calculated to keep them pretty busy through the session. Some new measures of importance are on the agenda, but the general belief prevails that the leaders will steer clear of what may be termed radical legislation.

TO TEACH NATIONAL HYMNS

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31.—Dr. Charles E. Chadsey, superintendent of the public schools of Detroit, is of the belief that not more than one person in 10,000 knows all the stanzas of the "Star-Spangled Banner" and "America." In consequence of this belief he has directed that a part of every school day during the month be devoted by the school pupils to learning the words of two national hymns.

FERRIS BEGINS SECOND TERM

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 31.—Woodbridge N. Ferris tomorrow will enter upon his second term as governor of Michigan. At the same time Lieutenant Governor Dickinson, Secretary of State Vaughan and other state officials elected in November were inducted into office.

RUSSIAN ATTACK AROUND CRACOW AGAINST AUSTRIANS IMPORTANT STRATEGIC FEATURE



Dispatches for several days have indicated that the decisive battle on the eastern front has been developing in the region of Cracow. Military experts of Petrograd, Berlin and London have explained that the chief purpose of the German advance on Warsaw was to force the Russians to let up in their campaign in Galicia and Hungary. Germany is not so much in danger from a direct invasion from Poland as it is from a collapse of the Austrian defense and a Russian advance from Galicia. So Field Marshal von Hindenburg has endeavored to force the czar's forces to come northward to defend their own lands and give Austria breathing spell. It is the same strategy as was employed by General Joffre when he forced the battle line away from Paris and into southern Belgium by constantly attacking the German right flank in that field. But apparently the Russians have not been turned from their purpose. They have retreated in central Poland—given up Lodz, Skiernewice, Lowicz and Piotrkow and drawn back within thirty miles of Warsaw—but they are still maintaining a force at the southern end of the battlefield that is able to take the offensive against the combined German-Austrian armies and to keep a hold in Hungary. They are now reported to be sending new masses against Cracow. This great battlefield is shown on the map. At A there appears to be a gap between the northern and southern Russian armies, and here, so Petrograd dispatches say, German cavalry in strong force is trying to prevent the Russians from completing a line that will run along the Pilica river. At B the Germans and Austrians have launched an attack along the Nida river, trying to get to Kielce, but have been driven back after crossing that stream. At C is the front of the German-Austrian advance, which came from West Cracow and the Carpathians and drove the Russians back almost to the railroad running from Lemberg to Cracow through Tarnow. Now the Russians again are attacking and report that they have met with success in the entrances to the Duka and Lupkow. D shows where the Przemysl garrison attempted to break out and form a junction with the Austrians who had come through the Carpathians to relieve it. Both the garrison and the relieving force have been defeated, according to Petrograd accounts. In the district shown at E the Russians have gained a strong foothold in the southern foothills of the Carpathians, from which they can conduct an advance on Budapest in case they now defeat the Germans and Austrians around Cracow.

2 TURKISH ARMIES BADLY DEFEATED

ONE CORPS IS CAPTURED AND OTHERS ARE ROUTED BY RUSSIANS.

AUSTRIANS FLANKED IN CARPATHIANS

Big Events Expected Between Lower Vistula and Prussian Frontiers—Developments in West Unimportant.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The official communication issued by the French war office tonight included the following:

"Grand Duke Nicholas has addressed to General Joffre the following telegram:

"I hasten to inform you of the joyful news that the army of Caucasus, notwithstanding that its forces have been reduced to a minimum, with a view not to weaken the army in the principal theater of the war, has won two decisive victories—on December 21 and 22 (January 3 and 4, modern calendar) against Turkish forces superior in number, at Ardahan against the First Corps and at Sari Kamysh against the Ninth and Tenth Turkish Corps.

"The entire Ninth Corps has been captured; the Tenth Corps is making every effort to withdraw, but is being pursued by our troops."

PETROGRAD, Jan. 5.—It is officially announced that the Russian troops have gained a decisive victory at Sari Kamysh. The entire Ninth Army Corps of the Turks was captured.

The following report received from the Russian headquarters in the Caucasus was made public tonight:

"Last night our troops won a complete victory over the Turks at Sari Kamysh. We have beaten two Turkish Army Corps and made the entire Ninth Turkish Army Corps, including its commander and three division commanders, prisoners.

"Small bodies of Turkish troops, which succeeded in escaping were rigorously pursued and destroyed.

"We continue pursuit of the Tenth Corps of the Turkish forces which are in full retreat.

Regarding the situation in Poland, general headquarters has issued the following official communication:

"On the left bank of the Vistula on January 4 rifle and artillery fire continued. Roundabout and South of Borjow there have been separate engagements."

SAN BERNARDINO, Jan. 6.—Orders for a 12 1/2 per cent increase in the working time of 1000 Santa Fe shop employees were issued yesterday.

TURKISH ADVANCE CHECKED AGAIN

CZAR'S TROOPS CRUSH ANOTHER CORPS WHICH ATTEMPTED TO INVADE RUSSIA.

MUCH WAR MATERIAL IS TAKEN

Crushing Defeat Caused by Failure of Attempted Ruse—Great Battle Is of Ten Days Duration.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 6.—That the tenth corps of the Turkish army has been almost annihilated by the Russian Caucasus force, which yesterday reported the capture of the ninth and the defeat of the 11th corps, is asserted in the official statement of the general staff of the Czar's troops defending the southeastern part of the empire.

The official statement follows: "At the end of November the bulk of the third Turkish army was sent to the region east of Erzerum, preceded by two army corps, besides a reserve corps near Hassan Kalah.

"In conformity with the plan of Envei Pasha, the third army was to proceed as follows:

"The ninth and tenth army corps were to advance in the direction of Oid and form the offensive wing, whereas the 11th corps had orders to hold its powerfully-organized position and to attract through a strategic demonstration the weight of our troops. In case the Russian troops had taken up the offensive energetically, the 11th corps had been ordered to fall back on the fortress of Erzerum, carrying along with it the Russian forces."

The Russians, with all their other fronts to cover, have found another army with which to make the offensive against the Germans position at Mlava, on the east Prussian frontier, and report the capture of a village on the road to that town.

The Germans still are hammering at the Russian line drawn directly across the roads to Warsaw from the west, but it is reported with less force behind them.

The Russians continue to drive the Austrians through the snow covered passes of the Carpathians and out of Bukowina, and simultaneously are dealing in detail with the remnants of the Turkish armies in Trans-Caucasia, which are reported either to have been routed or surrounded.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Blinded by an umbrella she was carrying, Mrs. Maria C. Lamb stepped in front of an automobile driven by W. C. Maurer, and was killed.

CONFERENCE FOR DEFENSE PLAN SET

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EXECUTIVES AND CONGRESSMEN IS OBJECT.

BALANCING OF BILLS IS HOPE

Sub-Committee of House Decides on Recommendations—Naval Reserve Favored by Military Authorities.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Co-operation between the executive and legislative branches of the Government in appeals for the National defense is the object of a conference arranged today between Secretaries Garrison and Daniels, of the War and Navy Departments, and the chairmen of the Senate and House committees on Military and naval affairs.

The conference will be held tomorrow night at the home of Secretary Garrison, who suggested the idea. Besides the four chairmen of the Congressional committees, other Democratic leaders have been invited.

It is generally expected that an effort will be made to balance the various appropriations in conformity with a general policy for the promotion of the National defense, plans for which probably will be submitted to President Wilson for final approval. The various bills for the increase in the Regular Army will be one of the principal topics for discussion.

While this conference was being planned the House military committee today heard Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, advocate his proposal for a commission of five men to investigate the military preparedness of the country and the naval sub-committee wound up its work on the naval appropriation bill, which is to be submitted to the full committee Wednesday.

The subcommittee incorporated in the naval bill a provision creating the office of chief of operations, under the Secretary of the Navy, with a four-year tenure of office and to be held by a Rear-Admiral.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—After a mob had threatened him E. M. Bradfield was arrested on a manslaughter charge, his skidding automobile having struck Mrs. William Meerin, injuring her so badly that she died later.

ALLEN EATON APPEALS DIRECT TO VOTERS

CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKERSHIP HOLDS MEETING IN PORTLAND LIBRARY.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—The public meeting in Library hall, Central library tonight, by Representative Allen Eaton of Eugene, candidate for the speakership, was unique in the history of the state.

It is the first time in the history of this state, and of any other state so far as known, that the fight for the speakership has been carried to the voters themselves.

Mr. Eaton, whose opponent is Ben Selling, of Portland, is making a very determined fight to thwart what he says are the plans of a well organized political machine to control the legislature. He charges that the power directing the machine is the Oregonian.

Mr. Eaton has been elected to his fifth consecutive term in the house of representatives from Lane county, and is the oldest member in point of service in the legislature. He is recognized as one of the able debaters of the legislature.

Mr. Eaton said: "I will make as plain as I can the issues involved, which are not so much those of personalities between Mr. Selling and myself, but rather have to do with the thoroughly worked out plan of a political machine to control the next legislature and turn over the state government to a new form of political bossism."

WHITMAN TO BE INAUGURATED

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Charles S. Whitman will be inaugurated at noon tomorrow as the forty-fourth governor of the state of New York elected by the people. The ceremonies will be the most elaborate of the kind seen here in some year.

Bishop Nelson, Episcopal will deliver a prayer at the opening of the proceedings, which will close with a benediction, pronounced by Bishop Burke Roman Catholic. The oath of office will be administered by Chief Justice Willard Bartlett of the court of appeals, following which will come the address of welcome by the retiring to the incoming governor, and the response of the latter.

GIVES STOCK TO EMPLOYEES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—This will be a happy new year for the old employees of Hollweg and Reese, one of the oldest and best-known firms dealing in china and glassware in the middle west. When on Monday the employees return to work after the holiday they will be partners in the big

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Women from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from all sections of this great country, no city so large, no village so small but that some woman has written words of thanks for health restored by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. No woman who is suffering from the ills peculiar to her sex should rest until she has given this famous remedy a trial. Is it not reasonable to believe that what it did for these women it will do for any sick woman?

Wonderful Case of Mrs. Crusen, of Bushnell, Ill.

BUSHNELL, ILL.—"I think all the trouble I have had since my marriage was caused by exposure when a young girl. My work has been housework of all kinds, and I have done milking in the cold and snow when I was too young to realize that it would hurt me. I have suffered very much with bearing down pains in my back and such miserable pains across me, and was very nervous and generally run down in health, but since I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound my back never hurts me, my nerves are stronger, and I am gaining in health every day. I thank you for the great help I have received from your medicine, and if my letter will benefit suffering women I will be glad for you to print it."—Mrs. JAMES CRUSEN, Bushnell, Illinois.

A Grateful Atlantic Coast Woman.

HOPKINSON, Me.—"I feel it a duty I owe to all suffering women to tell what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for me. One year ago I found myself a terrible sufferer. I had pains in both sides and such a soreness I could scarcely straighten up at times. My back ached, I had no appetite and was so nervous I could not sleep, then I would be so tired mornings that I could scarcely get around. It seemed almost impossible to move or do a bit of work and I thought I never would be any better until I submitted to an operation. I commenced taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and soon felt like a new woman. I had no pains, slept well, had good appetite and was fat and could do almost all my own work for a family of four. I shall always feel that I owe my good health to your medicine."—Mrs. HAYWARD SOWERS, Hodgdon, Maine.

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concern, instead of hired workers as heretofore. The change is brought about by the retirement of Louis Hollweg, the head and principal owner of the firm. Mr. Hollweg retired from active business today and in doing so

divided the stock of the corporation among his old and trusted employees.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—Charles E. Sebastian was reappointed chief of police by Mayor Rose yesterday.

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